

a job led her to the machining technology trade, an industry largely dominated by men. Twenty years into her working career, she shifted to an entirely new field and obtained an associate's degree in applied science in machining technology to become Workhorse Aviation Manufacturing's first employee to complete the Lenoir Community College advanced machinist program. Fisher is continuing her training toward the goal of playing a vital role in Workhorse Aviation's success, paving the way for other women entering the industry.

Roberta M. Scheffer, Maury: *Governor's Award for Excellence in Workforce Development, Outstanding Older Youth Participant.* Roberta Scheffer, an 18-year-old high school dropout, decided to improve her future by entering workforce programs provided by Greene Lamp Inc. Scheffer has since completed her GED and is an active member of her community, serving on the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board's Youth Council, participating in a Red Cross blood drive and coordinating a successful campaign to collect stuffed animals for abused children. She currently works two part-time jobs and is saving money for a car to help her pursue a degree in paralegal studies at Pitt Community College.

Christopher Morales, Purlear: *Governor's Award for Excellence in Workforce Development, Outstanding Younger Youth Participant* Chris Morales is friendly, motivated and an active participant in the Workforce Investment Act Youth Program. Since enrolling in May 2005, Morales has achieved all the basic skills and work readiness goals he had set for himself. He has invested 179 hours in a Workforce Investment Act work experience program with Carolina Hot Rods in West Jefferson, developing practical and professional skills needed for success in the automobile industry. He recently graduated from Watauga High School and has been accepted into the NASCAR Technical Institute in Mooresville for the fall. Ultimately he hopes to one day own his own automotive detailing business.

Anna Barrett, Management Training Corporation/Job Corp: *Wayne Daves Award for Outstanding Achievement in Workforce Development.* A Greenville native and the youngest of seven children, Anna Barrett began her college career at Pitt Community College. She continued her education at East Carolina University and in 1994 graduated with a degree in Social Work. Today she works part-time at Pitt County Memorial Hospital as an on-call Outreach Triage Counselor and part-time at Pitt Community College while providing full-time transitional services to Job Corps graduates. Her responsibilities cover 18 counties in North Carolina where she works with students, Job Corps centers, employers, and other community resources to help her in make her clients successful.

The N.C. Commission on Workforce Development will recognize the recipients at an awards ceremony during the 2006 Workforce Development Partnership Conference, Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Four Seasons/Koury Center in Greensboro.

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